

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: SOCIAL MEDIA ADOLESCENT
ADDICTION/PERSONAL INJURY
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

Case No. 4:22-MD-03047-YGR

MDL No. 3047

This Document Relates to:

*M.L., on behalf of minor A.W. v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03801;

*F.R., filed on behalf of B.R. v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-04102;

*J.H., filed on behalf of minor C.H. v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03842;

*A.H., filed on behalf of Minor A.R. v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-3798;

*L.L., on behalf of A.L. v. Meta Platforms,
Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-04262;

*K.C., filed on behalf of K.C. v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03179;

*S.M., filed on behalf of N.M. v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03978;

*C.F., on behalf of minor A.K. v. Meta
Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-4682;

S.R., on behalf of minor S.L. v. Meta

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART *EX PARTE*
CONSOLIDATED APPLICATIONS AND
APPOINTING GUARDIANS *AD LITEM***

1 *Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-05097;

2 *B.A., individually and as next of friend to*
 3 *minor J.A. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*,
 4:23-cv-05055;

4 *C.C., individually and as next of friend to*
 5 *minor M.C. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*,
 2023-cv-06277;

6 *S.F., individually and as next of friend to*
 7 *minor D.F. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*,
 4:23-cv-06287;

8 *C.R., individually and as next of friend to*
 9 *minor S.G. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*,
 4:23-cv-06301; and

10 *V.K., individually and as next of friend to*
 11 *minor A.K. v. Meta Platforms, Inc.*, 4:23-
 12 cv-05093.

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 14 The Court is in receipt of Plaintiffs' Fifth *Ex Parte* Application for Appointment of
 15 Guardians *Ad Litem* ("Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application") (Dkt. No. 363), Plaintiffs' Sixth
 16 *Ex Parte* Application for Appointment of Guardians *Ad Litem* ("Sixth Consolidated *Ex Parte*
 17 Application") (Dkt. No. 406), and Plaintiffs' Seventh *Ex Parte* Application for Appointment of
 18 Guardians *Ad Litem* ("Seventh Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application") (Dkt. No. 523).

19 Pursuant to this Court's Order Regarding Appointments of Guardians *Ad Litem* (the
 20 "Order") (Dkt. No. 122), applications for appointment of guardians *ad litem* submitted by parents
 21 and/or legal guardians are presumptively approved upon filing because there is no apparent
 22 conflict between applicants' parental responsibility and their obligation to assist the Court in
 23 "achieving a just and speedy determination of the action." (Dkt. No. 122 ¶ 4) (quoting *J.M. v.*
 24 *Liberty Union High Sch. Dist.*, No. 16-cv-05225-LB, 2016 WL 4942999, at *1 (N.D. Cal.
 25 Sept.16, 2016).

26 Pursuant to this Court's Order, any objections to the presumptive approval of applications
 27 submitted by the parent or legal guardian of the minor were to be filed within fifteen days of the
 28 filing of Plaintiffs' Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh Consolidated *Ex Parte* Applications. (Dkt. No. 122

¶ 5.) Having received no timely objections and good cause appearing, it is hereby **ORDERED** that that the applicants identified in the following Exhibits shall be appointed guardians *ad litem* for the purposes of this litigation until the minor plaintiff reaches the age of majority in the state in which they are domiciled:

- *M.L., on behalf of minor A.W. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03801 (Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 1);
- *J.H., filed on behalf of minor C.H. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03842 (Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 3);
- *A.H., filed on behalf of Minor A.R. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-3798 (Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 4);
- *L.L., on behalf of A.L. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-04262 (Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 5);
- *K.C., filed on behalf of K.C. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03179 (Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 6);
- *C.F., on behalf of minor A.K. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-4682 (Sixth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 1);
- *S.R., on behalf of minor S.L. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-05097 (Sixth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 2);
- *B.A., individually and as next of friend to minor J.A. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-05055 (Seventh Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 1);
- *C.C., individually and as next of friend to minor M.C. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 2023-cv-06277 (Seventh Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 2);
- *S.F., individually and as next of friend to minor D.F. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-06287 (Seventh Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 3);
- *C.R., individually and as next of friend to minor S.G. v. Meta Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-06301 (Seventh Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 4); and
- *V.K., individually and as next of friend to minor A.K. v. Meta Platforms, Inc.*, 4:23-cv-05093 (Seventh Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 5).

1 The applications for guardians *ad litem* submitted by *F.R.* on behalf of *B.R. v. Meta*
2 *Platforms, Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-04102 (Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte* Application, Exhibit 2) and by
3 *S.M.* on behalf of *N.M. v. Meta Platforms Inc., et al.*, 4:23-cv-03978 (Fifth Consolidated *Ex Parte*
4 Application, Exhibit 7) involve named plaintiffs who no longer appear to be minors. Such
5 applications are **DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** as moot. Should the Court be in error, applicants
6 may refile providing the Court with updated information showing that N.M. and/or B.R. are still
7 minors and/or require a guardian *ad litem*. Such motions to be filed within fourteen (14) days.

8 The Court also **GRANTS** the associated motions to seal the guardian *ad litem* applications.
9 Dkt. Nos. 362, 405, 522.

10 This terminates docket numbers 362, 363, 405, 406, 522, and 523.

11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

12 Dated: January 22, 2024

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14 Hon. Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE